



## Global Solidarity News

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### ***Giving Hope to a World in Need*** **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

**Healthy babies and mothers in the DRC.** When Gisele discovered she was pregnant, she panicked. It was her third pregnancy—but her first two ended in miscarriage. Her home country, the Democratic Republic of Congo, has one of the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the world, making pregnant women one of the country's most vulnerable groups. But this pregnancy was different. With support from CRS and their “Healthy Mothers and Children” project, Gisele had free access to prenatal services, regular support from community health volunteers and was assisted in childbirth at the health clinic in her community. She delivered a healthy baby girl. Thanks to such grassroots efforts, there have been more than 26,500 women deliver healthy babies through this CRS program. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

## **GLOBAL SOLIDARITY PRAYER**

### **‘PRAYER FOR BABIES AND MOTHERS AROUND THE WORLD’**

#### **HEAVENLY FATHER,**

Protect your little children, the unborn and the born,  
especially those who live in impoverished or dangerous areas in the world.  
May they receive the care they need in the earliest stages of their life,  
to be healthy at birth, and to become thriving children.

Protect every expectant mother,  
who carries the unborn child you knit together in her womb.  
Lead her from fear and uncertainty to complete trust in your merciful care,  
through those you have prepared to assist her during pregnancy and delivery, and postpartum.

We pray for all babies and children,  
that they may be given the opportunity to grow in a safe, loving environment.

Father, we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Adapted from various prayers on the *Catholic Relief Services* website.